

Postcard

Waven House,  
Walsham - G. Willows  
Suffolk -

2/5/22/13

My dear Miss Mason -

This is just a  
tiny letter to thank you for all  
your goodness to us which  
we need - Ambleside.  
If I covered sheets or thought  
how to express myself in any way  
I could not really convey to  
you all that the conference meant.  
But I expect you know what it  
means to us & how it will -

It was so lovely to see you  
to see such a lot of you.

Thank you for the whole of our

Your affection etc. & love

Randall & Mabel

St. Hilda's. Bushey. May 4.

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my dearest Miss Mason

Perhaps it is as well sometimes that a person's pen won't always carry out the whole dictation of one's heart for on long you - wanting to say thank you in such a very big quantity! I can't think about the week at all in rational terms but only in verses from the psalms & bible, & oh it's nice to be getting a little older so that one can understand a little better - each day a tiny bit better perhaps but one doesn't find that out till the conference! It was lovely to have so much of you - it was so delightful to find you well enough to be really generous this time! I like to think of all those other hungry lions coming up in another month, but oh my! in chortling to think that we had first innings!! We narrated it all over myself about twice already - but I shall go through it again tonight - like a fat cobra, well fed on rabbit, peacefully sluffing it off into his system!!

Now I'm trying to think hard how I can give it back - & why I am so privileged. I hope I'm not an insulator & that the beauty of this week will pass through me to the children - I do so want them to have it. We spent today in telling the parents about the conference your having &

writing them to go.

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There are lots of ways of 'propaganding' our message - I'm going to send them on a separate bit of paper. But it's like Christianity - (isn't it specially heavenly to have a vocation & religion all in one; & that's what yours gives us) - I always find that the parents see, or do see, the P.N.E.U. as reflected through me. and so it behooves me to keep very single-eyed, & drink profoundly at such times, as last week, when the healing streams do, literally, abound.

and if you do not think it very presuming would you & could you let the present students know how much we love them too. I felt so hurt for them when they were rather witheringly told that we were disappointed to come up & find them making errors such as we have learned to avoid. (I'd be awfully jealous if they really were perfect I 'spect!) well - it's only a kind of warmth of love & feeling of wanting to give to others what they are wanting us to tell that makes it possible for some of us old students to get up & speak in an assembly - our knees are very shaky indeed! And anyhow somebody's been doing very beautiful work in the primary school - perhaps you know who the somebody is & could



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congratulate accordingly.

isp3cm432

St Hilda's looks very shiny & clean. There's a big  
green & white classroom with large windows, because it  
was a shades, & a beamed high roof (& oh such  
lovable children in Room 100!) Then comes the dining  
room where I am now, brown panelled, & a bow  
windowed, with a shiny, bare mahogany table &  
a brown floor, & lots of daffodils & Brier pictures.  
Then there's a red tiled hall, & a white panelled drawing  
room hung with Mr Yates pictures & engravings, chiefly -  
& a white bookcase full of many coloured books, & a bow  
window & rather comfy chairs in which one is luxuriating  
on Sunday afternoon! Over these 2 last rooms are 4 bedrooms.  
The roof is gabled - & there's a little garden round about,  
with pear & cherry trees & lots of things that are  
coming out in spite of the cold - & a hedge simply  
built for birds nests!

and now on missing Aunt Mary Curry at Bath because she  
naturally would have required to have known 'all about it'  
& would have inquired after Phoebe & everything. Alas.

I think it was extraordinarily nice of the ladies to make

a special show for us. Perhaps <sup>it's impossible</sup> you didn't know  
- but there was a sort of pageant of larch ~~and~~ roses  
up by Rydal caves - quite unreasonable display of  
course, except in the light of it being a conference year!!

There wasn't a chance to say goodbye to anyone  
because I had to leave on Wednesday - but what a  
goodbye more or less. But I want to say thank you.  
yr loving bairn

Vivien C. Curry.

weren't the Teaford people called Edwin - Angelina? I  
know they lived in Bushey - I often think of them  
rejoicing in the fact (fictitious!) that 'heavenly feathers  
are only a penny apiece' in this suburban part of  
the world!!

Propaganda

Learn to speak! Heaps of us don't get our message through because we are afraid to say! It's a great effort to speak to a meeting - perhaps because we are bad at narrating! But surely we ought to find someone who will endure our narration until we find that we can, in a more or less effortless, i.e. pleasant, a graceful way, give examples & precepts.

Guiding. It's not always easy to go to the elementary teachers as a stranger - with no authority. By means of guiding one frequently becomes acquainted with school teachers from all descriptions of schools, & also one gets to know the parents. Through these one might get to work.

As to the guides themselves - the P.N.E.U. has got a lot to teach them! They have, generally, company funds & can purchase books. We can guide the children's choice. We can get a certain



amount of 'narration' into our work. <sup>isp6cm412</sup>  
As to nature work - how an Un-p.N.E.U. captain  
ever gets to work at all I can't imagine! We  
make our companies keep flower lists, bird lists  
& all the rest of it. Do you know - in one case  
a 'nature diary' was expected to be a daily  
account of the weather !!!

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c/o Lady Helen Cassel

PUTTERIDGE BURY,

LUTON.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1922

My dear Miss Mason

After such a glorious,  
joyous Conference Week at  
Ambleside I feel I must  
write & thank you once  
more for everything.

It has meant so much  
to see you again & to  
hear all you told us &  
reminded us of. It has



been really refreshing &  
inspiring, & our minds  
& souls have indeed been  
richly fed.

With my love & warmest  
thanks

I remain

Your affectionate "bairn"

Katharine Loveday.

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3 St David's Avenue  
Benhill.

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My dear Miss Macdon

Just a few words of very  
heartily thanks for all your  
kindness and hospitality during  
the Conference. It was indeed  
good to be up in Ambleside again  
and it was especially good that  
you were able to take such a  
very active part. We had a  
lovely time - one that we shall  
not readily forget. and it  
was good to see so many there.  
I hope you are not all dreadfully

tried : you all worked so hard  
for us in different ways -  
I am writing to Canon Clay -  
on behalf of the students.

I seem to have been talking  
hard ever since my return  
but have not told half yet -  
Keep on thinking of fresh things.

With much love and my  
most loving thanks -

I am ever yours loving  
Bairn

William Fay



may 7th.

My dear Miss Mason,

I am ready to start work again with a healed and well fed mind. Scale House is indeed a green pasture and as for the still waters, they seem to be within, in a way of which I have had no previous experience.

I am infinitely thankful & look forward

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to following the ways in  
which I can prove myself  
to be your faithful &  
loving daughter

Ernest Cholmondeley.

26/10/1922  
Logmore  
Dorking

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1922

Dear Miss Mason

I feel I must write and tell you how very much I enjoyed the Conference and how helpful and inspiring the last three days were. It has made everything seem even more 'worth while' than it was before.

You will be glad to hear that Priscilla Barclay very much approves of this term's books! She was very keen on the Pottery last term, and during the holidays she and her brother have made a large potter's wheel - which - alas - just does not work - but we hope to get it all right in working order soon.

Summer really seems to have set in at last - the weather is delightful and everything is coming out fast.

I do hope that you didn't find the



Conference too tiring, and that you are not feeling any ill effects.

Please accept my grateful thanks and best wishes for the success of the next Conference

I am

your loving disciple  
Nancy Chubb.

P.S. I must tell you that I have at last secured a copy of the picture in the Spanish Chapel in S<sup>ta</sup> Maria Novella, Florence - by Taddeo Gaddi. I got it thro' a friend who went to Italy.

Deary

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May 7<sup>th</sup>  
1922.

My dear Miss Mason

We have had very little leisure since we came home, or I would have written sooner to thank you very sincerely for your great kindness to us all during our memorable visit to Ambleside.

It all seems like a dream now we are back again in the old routine, but I know



that we shall all  
keep in our memory  
the helpful words we  
heard from you and  
others, also we hope  
to carry out the same  
in our Teaching life.

Dora & I are both  
inspired & are longing  
to begin the term.

Miss Smith arrives on  
Tuesday, and her room  
is all ready for her,  
everything is bright &  
new for the new Term.

I do hope you are not  
too tired after your  
great exertions, it must  
have been most tiring  
to receive so many  
people at once as you  
did, but I am sure  
you know what great  
pleasure you afforded  
to us all.

With love & many thanks  
from Dora & myself to  
you and the staff.

yours affectionately  
Sophie Smyth.



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52. Lower Sloane St.  
London.  
S.W.1,

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1922.

My dear Miss Mason,

Thank you for the  
delightful time you gave  
us. It was so helpful.  
And I have a delicious  
picture of you to carry

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in my mind's eye until  
we meet again -

With my deep love.

Yrs affectly

Maude Mac Sherry.

P.S. My love to Mrs Stitches  
& Miss Parish please.

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45: Fomdale Road.

May 9<sup>th</sup> 1922.

Banstead  
Surrey

My dear Miss Mason -

The rush of packing up, and getting back to my work here has made it almost impossible for me to find a few quiet minutes to write this letter to you sooner, to thank you very, very much for the inspiring, & beautiful time you gave to us at Scale How.

The 1922 Conference will ever be remembered by all who were present, as a very special conference. It was such a great privilege to have you to speak to us so much, & give us your advice about the many problems which arise in our work.

I am quite sure we all carried away fresh courage & hope for our work.

I know I did, & much more besides.

I have often felt so disappointed that my hopes of a small class never seem to materialize, but I think the conference helped me to understand that there is a tremendous field open for <sup>more</sup> work, even without a class of one's own!

I do hope you were not very tired after such a strenuous week.



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We much appreciated the lectures & talks given  
to us by all the Seal House staff. I have  
already started another Nature Note Book, after  
Miss Drury's helpful talk -

It was so delightful to feel the happy  
atmosphere of Seal House about us again -

With again most grateful Thanks for  
all that the conference week has  
been to me, & with love -

Yours affectionate -

Phyllis M. Borsari

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Moorninstow

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Sheffield

May 9<sup>th</sup>/22

Dear Miss Mason

I feel that I must write you a little note to say how very much I enjoyed the Students' Conference and how grateful I feel to you for your generous hospitality and your ever warm and loving welcome.

The Conference was a real help and stimulus and I will make a real effort to prevent what I have termed 'feeling before

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'the light of common day' -  
I hope that I have told you  
before how much I have  
always appreciated your  
kinty gift of 'The Cloud of  
Witness.' It has shined all  
my wanderings for 21 years.  
and my bedroom would have a  
forlorn look with out it.

With much love

your affec: Bairn

Ebie Inence.



May 10<sup>th</sup>

Great House 211 Wm 432  
Hambledon  
Godalming

My dear Miss Mason

I should like to write & tell you what a wonderful & lovely week I found that of the Conference, & to thank you so very much for it all. For it was so nice to be able to come up to Scale How so often & to see so much of everyone & everything there. I cannot tell you <sup>how</sup> much I enjoyed it all; & the papers & discussions were all so helpful & encouraging. It is indeed a splendid time on which to look back.

Here we are hard at work again. It was so nice to come & find the children longing for the term. We have started reading "Howward the Wake" aloud & Susan is loving it. The three of us are hoping to keep insect lists, & as we know almost nothing about them it will be rather exciting.

I wish I could tell you that M<sup>rs</sup> Readhead was going to the next Conference, but I fear it is too far, as she is not a very great traveller.

Now I must not keep you any longer.

With much love

Yours affect

Eileen C Plumptre

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31 Holland Rd

W. 14.

May 12<sup>th</sup> / 22

Dear Miss Mason,

I wish I  
could tell you how much  
of joy and inspiration  
I have brought back from  
Ambleside, and how  
wonderful it was to  
be up at Scale How, in  
the Clear Room & at  
Meditation again, and  
hear you speak so  
inspiringly of our work.  
I feel so ashamed of  
how little I have done



and how restless I  
have sometimes been.  
Now I realize that the  
biggest "lit" one can  
do is the nearest one  
to hand, however tiny  
it may be.  
With many, many  
thanks, and very much  
love,  
Yours affectionately  
Margery Gladding